

Benefits



2019

POA Employees

Health and Welfare

The City provides medical and dental benefits to POA represented employees and their dependents. The City will pay full premium for Kaiser HMO Health Plan, Aetna Sharp ACO Plan, and Cigna DHMO plan for the employee and any eligible dependent.

For employees choosing a non-Kaiser HMO coverage, the City will pay one-third of the premium difference less \$50 per month. For employees choosing the Aetna PPO plan, the City will pay an amount equal to its share of the non-Kaiser HMO premium. Employees will be required to pay any difference between the City share of the medical premium and the full premium through pre-tax payroll deductions. Employees choosing the Cigna DPPO preferred provider plan would be responsible for any additional costs over and above the Cigna DHMO plan.

HEALTH PLANS AND RETIREE HEALTH

The City offers the Kaiser HMO, Aetna Sharp Accountable Care Organization (ACO), Aetna Full Network HMO, and the Aetna PPO plans to its active employees and their dependents. Health coverage is effective on date of hire. Eligible individuals retiring from the City may choose to continue participating in the City's health plans at their own cost.

DENTAL INSURANCE

The City currently offers the Cigna DHMO and Cigna DPPO Dental Plans. Coverage is effective on date of hire.

VISION INSURANCE

The City currently offers the MES Vision plan. Coverage is effective on date of hire.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSAs)

The City offers both health and dependent/child care FSAs. FSAs may be funded by payroll deductions. The maximum annual payroll deduction Health FSA is \$2,700. Dependent/Child Care FSAs are limited to \$5,000 from all sources.

LIFE INSURANCE

The City provides a \$50,000 Group Term Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy. In addition to the basic life insurance provided by the City, employees may purchase Optional coverage in multiples of \$10,000, up to a maximum of \$550,000 or four times their annual salary, whichever is less. Coverage for your spouse or same sex domestic partner is available in \$10,000 increments up to the lesser of \$100,000 or 50% of your coverage, if you purchase Optional coverage for yourself.

RETIREMENT MEDICAL TRUST (RMT)

A retirement medical trust is a health benefit savings vehicle that will allow POA employees to accumulate funds to pay for qualified medical premiums and expenses on a tax-free basis. This trust was set up through the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC). For POA employees hired prior to 07/01/2017, the City will contribute \$100 per month to this Plan on a pre-tax basis. Employees hired on or after 07/01/2017 shall contribute \$100 per month to the Plan.

Retirement

BASIC RETIREMENT

The City contracts with CalPERS for the provisions of its retirement benefits as set forth in the California Government Code and California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013.

Retirement Tier	Retirement Formula	Employee Deduction	Minimum Age for Retirement
Tier 1 Retirement	Local Safety 3% @ 50	9.0%	50
Tier 2 Retirement	Local Safety 3% @ 55	9.0%	50
Tier 3 Retirement	Local Safety 2.7% @ 57	12.25%	50

Tier 1 – Employees who became CalPERS members with the City of Chula Vista prior to 04/22/2011

Tier 2 - Employees who became members of CalPERS or a reciprocal agency between 04/22/2011 through 12/31/2012

Tier 3 - New CalPERS members or reciprocal agency members on or after 01/01/2013

Employees may retire when they reach 50 years of age with five years of CalPERS service credit. Following is a summary of the CalPERS contract provisions:

- One Year Final Compensation (Tier 1)
- Employer Paid Member Contributions Reported as Earnings (Tier 1)
- Three Year Final Compensation (Tier 2 & 3)
- 1959 Survivor Benefit - Level 4
- Post Retirement Survivor's Continuance
- Military Service Credit as Public Service
- Credit for Unused Sick Leave
- Retired Death Benefit \$5,000
- Social Security Coverage-None

457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The City offers 457 plans through Nationwide. These accounts are voluntary and are employee funded.

Vacations, Holidays and Leaves

VACATION

POA employees will be credited vacation hours on a biweekly basis and shall accrue the following:

- 10 days (0 - 4 years of service)
- 15 days (5 - 9 years of service)
- 20 days (10 - 14 years of service)
- 25 days (15+ years of service)

The maximum accrual is two times the annual accrual. Employees may sell back up to 40 hours of accrued vacation once per fiscal year.

SICK LEAVE

POA employees accrue 96 hours per year at a rate of 3.69 hours per pay period. If during a fiscal year in which the employee was employed as of July 1, they used 32 hours or less of sick leave, they may convert to cash 25% of the remaining fiscal year’s accrual.

HARD HOLIDAYS

The City is closed, and employees receive compensation for the following holidays:

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| • New Year’s Day - January 1 | • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Third Monday in January |
| • Memorial Day - Last Monday in May | • Independence Day - July 4 |
| • Labor Day - First Monday in September | • Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday in November |
| • Christmas - December 25 | |

FLOATING HOLIDAYS

Employees are credited with 40 hours each fiscal year for the following floating holidays:

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| • Lincoln’s Birthday - February 12 | • Washington’s Birthday - Third Monday in February |
| • Admission Day - September 9 | • Columbus Day - Second Monday in October |
| • Veterans Day - November 11 | |

LEAVE BALANCE PAYOFF AT TERMINATION

Upon separation from City service, the City will transfer into the Retiree Medical Trust (RMT), an amount equal to 100% of the cash value of the employee’s vacation and accrued floating holiday balance for which they would have received payment. The POA Association has the right to alter the percentage of leave balance contribution at separation from service.

Sick leave balances will not be paid upon termination unless the employee is retiring from City service. If the employee retires from the City within four months of separation from employment, he/she may convert unused sick leave to additional CalPERS service credit at the rate of 0.004 year of service credit for each day of unused sick leave.

Other Benefits

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

POA employees shall be subject to mileage reimbursement when required to use their private automobile for authorized City business.

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE AND EDUCATIONAL DIFFERENTIALS

POA employees shall be entitled to a uniform cleaning allowance of \$300 per calendar year. They are also eligible for education incentives based upon their level of education as follows:

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| • \$200 - AA/AS (if hired prior to 7/1/2017) | • \$300 - BA/BS or Advanced/Supervisory POST (if hired prior to 7/1/2017) |
| • \$350 - BA/BS and Advanced/Supervisory POST | • \$400 - MA/MS or higher |

OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENT

POA employees may receive 5% Out of Class pay in the event that they are assigned duties of a higher-level classification for period more than 10 consecutive days.

NEW HIRE LATERAL INCENTIVE PAY

New hires from another public law enforcement agency on or after October 13, 2017 with external law enforcement experience will receive lateral incentive pay of \$2,000 for each full year of external experience brought to the City for up to five (5) years of experience or a maximum of \$10,000.

BILINGUAL PAY

Upon recommendation of the Department Head, approval of the Director of Human Resources and successful completion of a bilingual performance evaluation, a POA employee will receive \$200 per month in addition to his/her regular pay on the condition that bilingual skills are continuously utilized in the performance of his/her duties.

CALLBACK AND STANDBY PAY

POA employees after leaving their worksite and are required to return to work before the scheduled start of their next shift will receive \$50 Callback Pay. Employees shall receive \$150 biweekly compensation if assigned standby duties.

LONGEVITY PAY

Employees who have served for fifteen (15) or more years of full time service with the City of Chula Vista Police Department in a classification represented by the Chula Vista Police Officer’s Association (CVPOA) shall receive longevity pay of 3% increase in base pay. Effective 03/03/2017, those who have served twenty (20) or more complete years of full time service with the CVPOA shall receive longevity pay of 5% increase in their base pay. Only one Longevity Pay amount can be paid and they may not be combined with each other.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER PAY

Eligible employees who are designated Field Training Officers (FTOs) will receive \$4 per hour.

Information contained herein is for informational purposes only. If there is conflicting information, the employee’s Memorandum of Understanding and/or Civil Service Rules will prevail.